

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1, 3, 5 through 9, and 20 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 10, 11, and 16 through 19 to read, as follows.

1. **(Canceled)**
2. **(Canceled)**
3. **(Canceled)**
4. **(Canceled)**
5. **(Canceled)**
6. **(Canceled)**
7. **(Canceled)**
8. **(Canceled)**
9. **(Canceled)**

10. **(Currently Amended)** A developing device comprising:

a developer bearing member; and

a developer container ~~containing~~ for containing a developer, said developer container including a developer containing portion, a partition member dividing an interior of said developer containing portion into a plurality of rooms, and a cover for covering said developer containing portion,

wherein said partition member is molded integrally with said cover,

wherein said containing portion includes ~~comprises~~ a rib disposed in a direction intersecting said partition member ~~member~~, and ~~wherein said partition member comprises~~ a groove disposed in a direction so as to avoid intersecting said rib.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A developing device according to Claim 10, wherein said partition member divides the interior of said developer containing portion into said plurality of rooms except for a gap through, ~~through~~ which allows the developer to pass among said plurality of rooms ~~passes~~.

12. **(Previously Presented)** A developing device according to Claim 10 or 11, wherein said partition member is formed as a plate in parallel with said developer bearing member.

13. **(Previously Presented)** A developing device according to Claim 12, wherein a plurality of developer conveyors for conveying the developer are respectively provided in said plurality of rooms.

14. **(Previously Presented)** A developing device according to Claim 12, wherein said developing device is detachably attachable to an image forming apparatus for forming an image on a recording material.

15. **(Previously Presented)** A developing device according to Claim 14, wherein said developing device and an image bearing member for bearing an image are formed into an integral unit.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A process cartridge detachably attachable to a main body of an image forming apparatus, said process cartridge comprising:

a photosensitive drum; and

a developing device for developing a latent image formed ~~forming~~ on said photosensitive drum, said developing device comprising:

a developer bearing member; and

a developer container for containing a developer, said developer container including a developer containing portion, a partition member dividing an interior of said developer containing portion into a plurality of rooms, and a cover for covering said developer containing portion,

wherein said partition member is molded integrally with said cover, ~~said partition member is disposed in parallel with a longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member and extended to form a gap between said partition member and a bottom surface of said developer containing portion throughout an entire length of said developer containing portion in a longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member~~

wherein said containing portion includes a rib disposed in a direction intersecting said partition member and a groove disposed in a direction so as to avoid intersecting said rib.

17. **(Currently Amended)** A process cartridge according to Claim 16, wherein said partition member divides the interior of said developer containing portion into said plurality of rooms except for a gap through, which allows the developer to pass among said plurality of rooms ~~bottom surfaces of said plurality of rooms have an arcuate shape.~~

18. **(Currently Amended)** A process cartridge according to Claim 16 or 17, wherein said partition member is formed as a plate in parallel with said developer bearing member ~~a plurality of developer conveyors for conveying the developer are respectively provided in said plurality of rooms.~~

19. **(Currently Amended)** A process cartridge according to Claim ~~16, 17, or 18,~~ wherein a plurality of developer conveyors for conveying the developer are respectively provided in said plurality of rooms ~~said containing portion comprises a rib disposed in a direction intersecting said partition member.~~

20. **(Canceled)**